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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A SELF-HEALING QUERY ACCESS PLAN ,

the specification of which (check one below):

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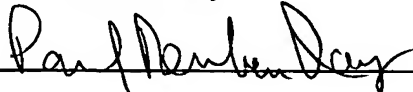Please address all correspondence and telephone calls to:

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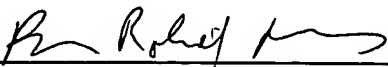
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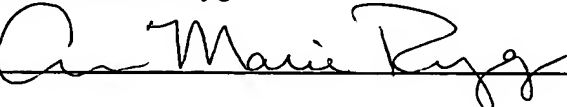Post Office Address 1428 12th Avenue NE, Rochester, Minnesota 55906

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